

state of feebleness, being much alarmed about his religious safety, and on the return of the chief he dreaded and served he would only resume the post he had held in 1799 — the Ministry of Justice. He took no real part in the *Cent Jours*, after which he was exiled, retiring to the Netherlands till 1819, when, like most of the Bonapartists, he was allowed to return and die in peace in 1824, leaving the memory of a distinguished and moderate Jurist, and, last not least, of a man who thoroughly realized the importance of the great art of dining.

Le Brun, who had been Third Consul until the formation of the Empire, when he became Arch-Treasurer and Duke of Piacenza (Plaisance), and who had been employed on the financial system of the Empire and in governing Genoa, and later, Holland, when first annexed to the Empire, had accepted the post of one of the Commissaires-Extraordinaires despatched by the Comte d'Artois, while Lieutenant-General of the Kingdom before the arrival of the King, and had been sent to Caen. Trained under the *ancien regime*, old, and little fond of display, one would have thought that he would have adhered to the Bourbons, or rather, would have remained passive. He, however, accepted a peerage from Napoleon, and also the post of Grand Master of the University. On the second Restoration he forfeited his former peerage. He was restored to his rank in 1819, but lived in retirement till his death in 1824, aged 85.

Caulaincourt, Duke of Yicenza, the Grand Ecuyer, the constant and faithful companion of Napoleon, came at once to his side in 1815, but only from fidelity, not with any hope of success. At first he positively declined to retake the Foreign Office, and when he consented, the determination of the Allies not to treat with the man who had made some of them Kings made Caulaincourt's tenure of that post a mere sinecure. Indeed, the first duty he had to perform was to receive the announcements of all the Ambassadors that they intended to withdraw at once. After Waterloo Caulaincourt formed one of the Provisional Government, but he had lost all hope, and was outwitted by Fouché. He and his Duchess were true to